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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Anthony F. MENNINGER, et al.  
Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR ORDER CONFIRMATION IN A  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK  
Appl. No.: 09/815,973  
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Art Unit: 3627

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

A two month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith to make the response timely.

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Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 7 and 13 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

Please amend the following claims.

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1. (Amended) A method for order confirmation in an independent supply chain management system. ~~that may or may not mandate store-distributor relationships in a supply chain,~~ comprising: